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# FROM CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENDUM TO PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION: FRANCE AND THE EU SINCE 2005

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In May 2005 the French electorate delivered a resounding “non” in a referendum on the Draft Constitutional Treaty for the European Union. Two years later, with the election of Nicolas Sarkozy as President, the process of European integration is back on the political agenda in France. H.E. François Descoueyte will discuss the changing politics of European integration in France in the light of last month’s presidential and parliamentary elections and discuss the role that President Sarkozy might play in the near future as the politics of France and Europe intersect once again.

H.E. François Descoueyte gained a Bachelor of Arts from the Institut d’études politiques de Paris in 1969 and a Masters of Law from l’Université de Paris in 1971. Following his military service at Saint Cyr, he gained a Post-Graduate Diploma in Public Administration from ENA and in 1975 joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. From 1977 he worked in various posts in Japan, South Korea and Europe, becoming the French Ambassador to Uganda in 1994. In 2001 he became the French Ambassador to South Korea. Ambassador Descoueyte is a Knight of the Légion d’Honneur, a Knight of the Order of Merit, an Officer of the Sacred Treasure (Japan), Officer of Orange-Nassau (Netherlands) and holds the Korean Grand Cross of the Diplomatic Merit. Ambassador Descoueyte has been the French Ambassador to Australia since 2005.

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